

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 110

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of John Daniel Maddox, Sr., of Clarksville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of John Daniel Maddox, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox was an exemplary public servant and community-minded individual who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born January 6, 1911, in Munford, Alabama, John Maddox was the son of the late William Henry Maddox and Ida Leona Maddox; and

WHEREAS, professionally, Mr. Maddox excelled in many diverse areas, especially entrepreneurship; he owned or co-owned several different businesses during his life, including JDM Enterprises, Pal's Package Store, Maddox Tire Company, Easy-Pay Furniture, the Queen City Shopper, and Nationwide Collection Agency; and

WHEREAS, John Maddox's heart always belonged to the children of the community; he was known as one of the "fathers" of Clarksville's Little League; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox raised funds and even donated his own money to found Clarksville's Little League in 1950, after hearing of Little League's positive impact in other places; he helped build its first field and motivated prison workers to help as well; and

WHEREAS, he was active in civic and political affairs, having served as the campaign manager for former Clarksville Mayor Charles Crow and having served on the Montgomery County Election Commission for several years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox cared deeply about people from all walks of life, having grown up during the Depression, when he experienced hardship firsthand; he was known to help many individuals, especially children, in unfortunate circumstances, all the while shrinking from praise for doing so; and

WHEREAS, John Maddox was a member of the First Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge, and the Al Menah Temple and an enthusiastic supporter of Austin Peay State University; and;

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Mr. Maddox always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Ora Harris Maddox, who preceded him in death; and he was the proud father of Jimmy Maddox and the late John Daniel Maddox, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. John Daniel Maddox, Sr., leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of John Daniel Maddox, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his humility, his devotion to helping the less fortunate, his impeccable character as a community leader, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of John Daniel Maddox, Sr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.